Hello again.

Hello and welcome to the second edition of Heidelberg Primary School’s 150th Celebration Newsletter. It’s hard to believe but on Thursday 20th May there will be only 80 days until our big celebration!!

A big thank-you to the many people who wrote to me with positive comments about the first edition. June Wanless (nee Trewavis) wrote to say she was at school with Kathleen Johnson, who was featured in our last edition. June said she enjoyed reading about Kathleen and found it most interesting. Extra big thanks to those who sent stamped addressed envelopes, and donations to help with our celebrations.

A number of ex students have passed the newsletter on to their friends who have asked for their own copies. Please feel free to do this as in this way we will spread the word that Heidelberg Primary School’s birthday is on 8th August 2004.

Your Help Needed!!

In the first edition of this newsletter I asked for help with photographs, reminiscences and mementos from days gone by at Heidelberg State School. Thank you to those who were able to help with these. Of course, we would always appreciate more.

Now I would like to ask if there are any volunteers who would be willing to help with preparations for the big day, or to help on the day. There are many ways you could help.

In this edition we have information about how you can buy tickets to the supper dance on Saturday, 7th August. Below there is information about Lydia Gardiner (nee Hinchliffe), our oldest student, and Sue Kelly, a teacher at Heidelberg Primary tells of the progress being made in writing the Anniversary Book. Finally, there is information about how you can help to ensure our day of celebration is one to remember.

Don’t forget, we would love to share your memories of Heidelberg Primary School; perhaps you have a favourite photo or details of a special friend, teacher or event that you would like to share.

If you would like to make a contribution to this newsletter, would like to help on our celebration day, or would simply like to be added to the mailing list, please email me at webmaster@hps150.org.au

Enjoy,
Graham Jackson -Editor

Dates to Remember:

- 18th May 2004. Open Day and Night

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WE WERE WRONG!!

In the last edition the incorrect times were printed for events during the day!! Please note the correct times on p.2

Also, note the school phone number is 9457 2259
150th Anniversary Supper Dance

Tickets are now on sale for our 150th Anniversary Supper Dance. The dance will be held in The Streeton Room, The Centre, Ivanhoe on Saturday 7th August 2004. The Centre was previously known as Heidelberg Town Hall.

The Streeton Room is a beautifully appointed room in Art Deco style, with wonderfully tall ceilings and a large parquetry dance floor.

Live music to get you dancing on the night will be provided by Dream Café. Dream Café play an extensive repertoire of music from the ‘50’s through to the latest top 40 that will ensure an enjoyable evening of entertainment for everyone.

Finger food and drinks (beer, wine and soft drink) will be provided.

Tickets for this exciting event are on sale now from the school at $55.00 per person. An order form for tickets is on the back page of this newsletter.

We expect tickets will sell very quickly. So, get together with a few friends and organise your group now.

You would be very disappointed if you missed out, because an event like this only comes around once every 150 years!!

Tickets can be obtained using the order form on the back page of this newsletter, or from the school office during school hours.

“Back to Heidelberg” 8th August 2004

With less than 80 days to go until our big celebration, the Heidelberg community is starting to get a little excited. A lot of planning is occurring behind the scenes to ensure our day is a truly memorable one, with activities designed to engage and entertain all age groups.

Negotiations with two local secondary schools is continuing to ensure their bands will be able to play on the day. These musical groups will contain a number of ex-Heidelberg students. As well, a number of talented current students will also perform during the day.

In the last edition of this newsletter the times for activities were incorrect. The correct times should be

11.00am Start- Bands, displays, buskers, activities for the kids. BBQ food, Devonshire tea, coffee, ice cream and memorabilia available

1.00pm Official opening.

1.30pm Official photos

3.00pm Close

Tell all your friends and please come along on the day to make it one that will be truly memorable.

Anniversary Book

Work on the 150th Anniversary Book is progressing smoothly, according to the book’s editor, Sue Kelly. Sue is a grade one/two teacher at Heidelberg Primary School, and is also currently leading a devoted band of volunteers to put the book together.

“The book will combine elements of Heidelberg Primary School’s past, present and future,” said Ms. Kelly. “There will be lots of photos and stories from both our ex- and current students.

There has been a very good response to our call for photos and stories, but of course there is always room for more.”

Prepaid orders for this full colour book will be taken soon, with the book expected to be available for delivery around December 2004.

Expected price including postage will be about $20.00
Our Oldest Student: Lydia Gardiner

On Tuesday, 27th April 2004, the principal of Heidelberg Primary School Mrs. Frances Sullivan visited our oldest student, Lydia Gardiner (nee Hinchcliffe) at a local nursing home. With Mrs. Sullivan were two special visitors for Lydia, Mark and Kathy, our youngest students, who started prep at Heidelberg this year. A photographer from a local newspaper was also in attendance.

Lydia Gardiner will be 98 years old in June. Her father Harry travelled to Australia from England on board “The Irishman” in 1912. This ship was on the water at the same time as “The Titanic.”

Harry’s wife Isobel Hinchcliffe (nee Joyce) and daughters May (aged 11) and Lydia (aged 6) followed Harry to Melbourne on board “The Pelican” in 1913. Lydia attended Heidelberg State School from 1914 until 1920.

Lydia says she can still remember her favourite teacher, Miss Sullivan. Miss Sullivan also taught Lydia’s three children, Bob Gardiner, Betty Ellis and Shirley Weatherhead more than 20 years later.

Lydia is looking forward to the “Back To Heidelberg State” celebrations on the 8th August, but doesn’t expect many of her former classmates will attend!!

Ex- Pupil entertains the troops

After leaving Heidelberg State School, Beryl Barry (White) went on to entertain the troops and appear on the Terry Thomas Show.

Dear Graham Jackson,

I was delighted to get your update on the reunion of Heidelberg State School on August 8th.

I am Beryl Barry (White) there from grade 3 until grade 8. At 13 I was Dux of the School, and very proud of my elegant parents who attended the presentation of (I think) £5.

I attended the reunion a few years ago, but I didn’t know anyone, as I was so much older.

In case you are interested, I’ve had a great life...

I sang to the troops at “The Dugout” during the war, where I met, and married the trumpeter/pianist and we had a fantastic journey together after the war, touring the world.

We worked in the USA for a couple of years, then went to England where we did a lot of radio theatre and television work, before coming home to supply z band at Claridges Nightclub for 5 years. Then we had the band for 10 years at the Savoy Plaza where I was a vocalist/compere. It was a great gig. I was on the “Sunny Side Up” T.V. show for a couple of years.

We ran a restaurant “The Castaway” in NSW for a few years, then after we sold it, we again travelled all over the world.

Sadly, Charles died, but I’m looking forward to August 8th

Sincerely,

Beryl Barry White
“Back to Heidelberg State”

SUPPER DANCE

Saturday 7 August 2004

7.30pm – 12.30pm

Streeton Room
at The Centre, Ivanhoe
Upper Heidelberg Rd
Ivanhoe

$55 per head

Includes gourmet supper & drinks
Entertainment by “Dream Café”

Dress to impress

Limited tickets available
Get a group together now for a memorable evening

“Back to Heidelberg State” Supper Dance

Name: ___________________________ Child’s Name/Room No.: ___________________________

No. of Tickets Required:  ___________ Adults @ $55.00 ___________

TOTAL: ___________

Bankcard □ Visa □ Mastercard □

Card Number: ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

Expiry Date: ___________ ___________

Card holders name: __________________________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________